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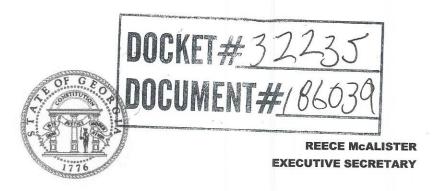
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RE:

Docket No. 32235: Generic Proceeding to Implement House Bill 168

ORDER MODIFYING UAF CONTRIBUTION FACTOR

O.C.G.A. § 46-5-167 directs the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") to administer the Universal Access Fund ("UAF") and requires all telecommunications companies holding a certificate of authority issued by the Commission to contribute quarterly to the fund. In its November 23, 2010 Order Implementing House Bill 168, the Commission found that it "is reasonable to base calculations for contributions to the UAF on gross intrastate revenues." *Order Implementing House Bill 168*, p.8.

The percentage applied to carriers' gross interstate revenues is known as the UAF contribution factor. The factor was last changed on November 30, 2020 and is currently set at 6.0%. The Staff determined the factor can now be reduced due to the termination of the Access Transition Fund. Staff recommended that the Commission set the UAF factor at 3.75% beginning July 1, 2021.

The Commission, having had the opportunity to review and consider the recommendation of Staff set forth above, hereby adopts the Staff's recommendation.

WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the UAF contribution factor is hereby decreased to 3.75%.

Docket Number 32235 Order Modifying UAF Contribution Factor Page 1 of 2 **ORDERED FURTHER**, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 15th day

of June 2021.

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